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SUBJ: PNM DENIES FOREIGN INTERESTS BEHIND ATTACKS ON
VENEZUELA

REF: POS 1465 AND PREVIOUS

1. AN OFFICIAL OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT
(PNM) YESTERDAY CHARGED THAT AN ARTICLE IN A VENEZUELAN
NEWSPAPER WAS AN ATTEMPT TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE
REAL ISSUES RAISED BY PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS AT THE
PARTY'S SPECIAL CONVENTION ON VENEZUELA'S THREAT TO THE
CARIBBEAN (REFTEL). HE REFERRED TO AN EDITOR'S COMMENT
IN THE CARACAS "DOS MILLES UNO" WHICH ALLEGED THAT "FOREIGN
INTERESTS" WHICH OPPOSED VENEZUELA'S IMPENDING NATIONALIZATION
OF ITS PETROLEUM RESOURCES WERE BEHIND DR. WILLIAMS'
ATTACKS ON VENEZUELA AND THAT THE NATIONALIZATION ISSUE
WAS THE REAL REASON BEHIND THE TIMING OF THE ATTACKS BY
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A NEIGHBOR WITH WHOM VENEZUELA HAS MAINTAINED "AN UNSHAKEABLE

FRIENDSHIP."

2. THE PNM OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT THE NEWSPAPER SHOULD
RATHER EXPLAIN WHY VENEZUELAN AIRPLANES WERE SHOOTING AT
MARTINIQUE FISHERMEN NEAR BIRD ISLAND WHILE VENEZUELAN
FISHERMEN SELL THEIR CATCHES IN MARTINIQUE. (BIRD ISLAND
FIGURES PROMINENTLY IN THE PM'S JUNE 15 ATTACK ON VENEZUELAN
TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN.)
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